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Newark Councilman-At-Large Donald Tucker today criticized State Sen. Anthony Imperiale (I-Essex, Hudson) for his statement made during an angry protest in the Council Chamber earlier this week- when he threatened, "If you want a 19<sup>67</sup> with the Italians, we will give it to you...and we can make a lot worse trouble to get what is right."

Tucker's criticism came in the aftermath of a noisy demonstration Tuesday by North Ward residents, who, led by North Ward Councilman Anthony Carrino, had gone to City Hall to protest to Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson over the assignment of an out-of-town resident to the North Precinct command post.

Following a disruption in the Mayor's office, where Carrino allegedly struck one of Gibson's bodyguards because he drew a gun on him, the group converged in the Council chamber. Once there, they were joined by Imperiale in calling on the Mayor to respond to their grievances and demands.

Tucker, who joined in his colleagues' efforts to calm the angry mob in the Council chamber, called Imperiale's actions "dispicable", and said they "do not in any way represent the kind of behavior that should be taken by a New Jersey Senator in representing his constituents.

He warned "If Imperiale is under the illusion that Blacks have taken his blatant and bigoted remarks and threats of violence lightly, he should be made very much aware that we will not stand by and allow him or anyone else to intimidate the black community."

The Councilman labeled the Senator's racial epithets as "dastardly insults hurled at Black Elected Officials."

He pointed out that Carrino had organized the demonstration to emphasize<sup>S</sup> grievances held by North Ward residents concerning inadequate police protection and the selection of a precinct commander.

"But the problem has escalated beyond these specific complaints to the point where it has polarized Black and Italian residents of Newark," Tucker asserted.

He said he believed "this racial overtone was created by Anthony Imperiale under the guise of helping the North Ward councilman.

"And there was no need for Imperiale to make this a racial issue since all candidates for the precinct commander's post are white," Tucker emphasized.

He maintained that he could not condone the councilman's actions, "for clearly there was no need for him to break down the Mayor's door or assault the mayor's bodyguard, as alleged, in order to address the concerns of his constituents.

Tucker insisted that as a policeman on leave and a staunch supporter of law and order, Carrino's actions Tuesday were "inconsistent with his profession and his oath of office.

He pointed out, "The incident which took place on

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Tuesday is worsened further by my colleague's refusal to acknowledge that he has done anything wrong and his statement that he was fighting for his constituents. This comment would mean that there is a possibility he might do it again.

The effect of Imperiale's and Carrino's actions has created racial tensions within the City of Newark and is bringing back the ugliness of 1967," Tucker asserted.